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TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1906.

Leisure is time for doing something seful. A life of leisure and a life useful. A life of leisure of laziness are two things. —Ben Franklin.

#### Convicts On Public Roads.

Mr. John Reichle, a citizen of Amherst, the trouble to study the statenent of the board of supervisors of that deduced interesting and valuable conclurelating to the hire of convicts for work ment for the months of February, March April and May is as follows;

TABLE 1.
Keeping and managing convict force.
(From under the heading, "For Roads and

Bridges."	
R. L. Phillips, 1 1-2 days' service	an Tirea
with force	\$ 3.00
Hudson and Watts, m'd's'e, for	-
F. B. Tyler, 1 1-2 days' service	79.66
with force	3.00
Wood, repair convict jail	3.00
W. J. Hudson, merchandise J. J. Cunningham, expenses of road	185.05
force	181.47
J. P. Beard, feeding mules J. R. Hudson & Bro., bed-sheeting	3.00
for convicts	6.40
Conveying convicts from peniten-	157.20
f. B. Tyler, two days' service with	175.00
the convict force	4.60
Wood, pot for convict force	4.00
Gilliam & Co., mattresses for con-	15.00
R. L. Phillips, road service	7.00
A. H. Moore, committee on roads,	16.60
	\$ 793.88
Convict road force 1	845.58
(See also Table II.)	1,221.27
Fine for escape of convict	50.00
Total	\$2,910.73
TABLE II.	
Mules, wagons, lumber, hardware, etc., used by convict force.	

Bridges."

and that during the months referred to the convicts were divided into two forces

with a foreman over each, whereas in Mr. Reichle's statement of the cost of free

labor but one foreman was provided for.

But this would make only a slight differ-

once in the cost, and if the figures ar

correct Mr. Reichle has demonstrated

that the saving to the county by employ-

ing convict labor instead of free labor

Two points. Does it pay the county of

Amherst to employ convicts for working the roads? Has it cost the county of

Amherst more than it should have cost

It is not for us to say, but it is a fact apparent that the tax-payers of Amherst,

been led to make an investigat on, and it

is only through investigation that the

to employ convicts in this work?

is slight.

The Finance Committee of the Council that the water works be sold or leased

\$1.61 2-3."
Mr. Reichle then makes a calculation on his own account to show what the work would have cost if it had been done the present system should be given a free labor instead of by convicts, and putting the hire of the men so employed at \$1.25 per day, he figures out that the cost would have been \$1.62 1-2 per man per day, as against \$1.61 2-8 per man for convict labor.
In its editorial comment, the Progress says that in comparing the two systems of labor, it is to be remembered that some of the items of expense contained in Mr. Reichle's table No. 1, such as transportation of convicts from the penitentlary, bed-sheeting and mattresses, were larger

on the incident says: "Here we are squarely up against the very test that has been urged against municipal operations of utility concerns. It is very patent that there has been mismanagement here; can the city secure better management? If it has been im possible heretofore to operate the plant successfully and economically, have the people any reason to expect anything better from a continuance of the experiment? A full investigation of Atlanta's experience and a publication of all the facts connected therewith might prove of great benefit to those of us among her neighbors who have been thinking

tigate and ascertain whether or not ly expended. We commend the example We urge upon the tax-payers in all counties to look after their own affairs and take nothing for granted. This provision of law, which the Times-Dispatch and the advocated, is for the benefit of the taxpayers, and they should see that it is en-

#### The Doctrine of Euthanasia.

able, and, it would seem, increasing, num-ber of advocates. Regnault, in France, pean physicians, are recent converts. Ocor plainly implied, she would not hesitate to use it for putting the badly injured

Euthanasia is man's plan for applying the corrective hand to an erring Provi-The latest endorser of it is no be preserved, no matter with what results to the individual or to others." But he adds that there is a popular "su perstition" to a contrary effect, which nay be very difficult to overcome,

The Professor is quite right. It be very difficult to overcome this superstition. If self-preservation is the first law of life, the desire to preserve the life of others is possibly the second. This desire is so deeply ingrained in nan's nature that it will take a long time to shake it loose. Centuries of expanding civilization have impressed man morhuman life, and he is not to be done

If this be superstition, the scientists may make the most of it. Against the an even deeper argument. The euthanaincurable maladies. Who is to determine when a malady is incurable? Our doc tors? But even the most infallible doctor makes mistakes-has made plenty of them. If euthanasia sent one man to his lived, would not the whole practice stand hitherto been left wholly to superhuman this responsibilty from Providence?

Under the doctrine of euthanasia, w are not consulted. He dies if the prope tribunal so declares. He may prefer to but the euthanasians know better. They from which there is no appeal. The right to execute has hitherto been applicable ciety, but the euthanasians, in their wis dom, would now extend it to those unfortunates whose only crime is their shattered health.

Municipal Ownership in Atlanta.

made a thorough investigation, and finding that there were urgent needs for to private parties.

The newspapers of the city are opposing the committee's recommendation and are insisting on further continuing the experiment. The News thinks the proposition an outrage and in no way justified, while the Constitution believes further and fairer trial before radical measures for a change should be adopted. The Journal suggests the very pith of the whole trouble, which is "mismanagement,' 'and takes strong ground for reorganization and the adoption of measures that will secure good "management." It suggests that the people are not going to stand the turning over of this valuable city asset to some "private corporation in order that it may reap profits which should be enjoyed by the municipality as a whole." but demands that "whatever wrong there may be in the manner of the department's operations be corrected."

The Chattanooga Times in commenting

a bit in the direction of public owner

was put aside from year to year for betterments and enlargement. But Atlanta would make a bad blunder worse if she should now sell her water works to a private corporation. There are all sorts of questions about municipal operation, but municipal ownership of a city's water

Earnings of the Gas Works.

In referring the other day to the report of Superintendent Knowles, of the city gas works, we thought we were nished for street lighting and charity of the superintendent for the year ender

city of Richmond from teh gas works from the year 1867 to 1896, inclusive: Receipts from gas bills, sales, etc. \$ 5,272,966 52 Expenditures—Expenses, \$ 1,110,243 20 Pay-roll 1,052,233 12 Coaf 1,502,45 68 Oil 111,579 04 4,008,051 23

Excess of receipts over disburse ... 1,143,839 70 \$ 1,532,929 5

647,571 71 count for 1867, 1868 and 1869 16,649 25

Total receipts for 1898...\$ 205,084 22 Loss expenditures and \$40,000 interest....... 158,983 16 Total receipts for 1900... 3 231,554 86 Less expenditures and 540,000 interest....... 191,986 68 Fotal receipts for 1901...\$ 238,980 89
27.88 expanditures and
\$40,000 interest........ 186,993 51 Total receipts for 1902 ... \$ 262,372 70 Less expenditures and \$40,000 interest....... 200,319 88 Total receipts for 1961...\$ 319,304.27 Less expenditures and \$10,000 interest...... 224,564.22

that we did the department an injustice

#### The Social Club Evil.

are informed that the officers of fully protected under the existing law.

that the owners of a "club" in that city

themselves to have the law so amended

receiving among the Filipinos is due to the fact that they don't understand hi language.

Despite the springlikeness of the weath er, young men's fancies would be premature in turning just now in the cele brated direction indicated by the poet.

Senator Depew declares that he will never resign. We may be wrong, but wasn't it Mr. McCall giving vent to a

similar sentiment some time back? writes a historical novel based upon the events of the past year, we will call it

President Fairbanks remains a conspicu ous follower of the simple life.

There is a difference between a conductor of street rallway deals and street rallway conductor.

Nobody has found time to stop and investigate the recent outbursts of hazing in Russia,

South America, it appears, did not re solute not to revolute. With strawberries at \$2 a box, nobody

TRY IT YOURSELF

## The next time you suffer from any all-ment arising from a weak or disordered Stomach we want you to try a bottle o

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STOMACH BITTERS is only Harouzh investigation that the first the direction of public owner-may have knowledge of them, and that



### Rhymes for To-Day

Not All Beer and Skittles.

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Ah, all the poet's measures
Are tuned to living joy;
All sing unruffled pleasures,
Delighis without alloy;
Their tyres too mendacious
Inpleasant fact disdain,
Hence I, raised more veracious,
Now raise a toast to pain.
(So, 'ere's to the shee that pinches—
And the pinching leaves us sad—
And 'ere's to a death by inches,
And 'ere's to a fate that's bad.)

The poets have disgusted
Wise readers with their rot.
Of hearts considered busted
(While really they were not),
And loves they could not coddle
To live and be their hane—
I scorn their silly twaddle
To raise a tonat to pain,
(So, 'ere's to a heart inbusted,
In an impoetical bloke,
And ere's to a man not trusted,
And ere's to a man that's broke.)

And ere's to a man.

Aye, poets are romancers,
That sugar life for youth,
Mest pleasant song-and-dancers,
But somply death on truth;
Why see life through a bubble
That glorifies the plain—
Come, fill a glass to trouble,
And pledge a toast to pain.
So, ere's to a life still sunny,
Batter it up as you will,
And 'ere's to a dearth of money,
And 'ere's to an unpaid bill.)

II. S. H.

### Merely Joking.

Borely's Job.—Griggs: "Borely has got a job at last. He's working now in Hicka's livery stable." Briggs: "What doing?" Griggs: "Hicks has some horses that won't take the bit, so Borely has to talk to them till they yawn."—Boston Transcript.

Pronounced Fit.—He: "How do you like my winter suit; good fit, don't you think?" She: "Worse than that, my dear; a per-fect convulsion?"—Princeton Tiger.

Least Harmful There .- Dabley: "When Least Harmill There.—Dabley: "When I die I am going to leave my pictures to some public institution." De Brush: "Do you want me to suggest, the right institution?" Dabley: "Yes." De Brush: "Leave em to the blind asylum."—Cleveland Leader.

# Voice of

elsewhere to states and ottles less "hidebound."

Mr. Editor, not being a lawyer, it may be I don't appreciate all the line-spun theories and technicalities advanced by Mr. Pulliam, but I am looking to the Question of amexation from a business man's standpoint, and I hope the good people of this city will not let this artful and ingenious lawyer "pull the wool over their eyes," and fill your minds with all manner of dangers and bugaboos. I, and I believe every thoughtful business man in this city, differ widely from Mr. Pulliam's legal opinion and also his opinion of the gentlemen who compose the joint committee on annexation, and expectally of his opinion of Richmond's honor.

As to his legal opinion, if we were to everythe and forms his business and the state of the policy of the sentence.

joint committee on annexation, and especially of his opinion of Richmond's honor.

As to his legal opinion, if we were to endorse it, and follow him in his ramilications and technicalities, it would tend to prove that men of such purity of character, spiendid abilities and legal attainment, as the Hon. John H. Ingram, Charles V. Meredith, A. C. Braxton, Senator John W. Daniel, Alf. P. Thom, Alexander Hamilton, the late lamented Beverly A. Hancock and a host of other giant intellects, were failures, and spent all their time and talents in blocking progress, in order that the holders of offices in suburban place could retain them Including our learned friend, Mr. D. I. Pulliam, superintendent of public schools. I have no personal objection to his occupying this position and heretofore endorsed him for the place, but, if by his example, he is to teach the youth of our city that selfishness is the first duty of man, "that all must be grist that comes to their mills," I withdraw my approval of the learned gentieman. Doubtless, many who read the gratuitous (") opinion of Mr. Pulliam, never dreamed that he was drawing a salary (friends, "beware of Greeks when they bear you gifts").

My friend, Mr. Pulliam, has much to say

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# the People

REPLY TO MR. PULLIAM.

Mr. Royall Answers His Recent Article On Annexation.

Article On Annexation.

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:
Sir,—On my arrival a day or so since from the dear old county of Powhatan, where I was born, and where, during the happy Caristmas helidays, I had been renewing my youth with friends, some one called my attention to the card signed D. L. Pullam, attempting to show the LEGAL IMPOSSIBILITY OF ANNEXATION.

I was amazed when I read this learned legal opidion (?), especially coming from a lawyer, who has been practicing for more than twenty years, It was enough to paralyze the stoutest heart; to make the most sanguine despit; enough to make a fellow lose condence in everything human (especially If they were pants). I learned, for the first time, that those magnificent men who composed the last Constitutional Convention were so stupid, that they had bottled up all the cities in this grand old State and said to them; "Thus far shall thou go and no farther." Said to trade, commerce and manufacturies, you shall not expand, bridling all legislation looking to expansion, and saying to the world, in Virginia we are content; wish no advancement; no new blood; no new enerprises to give work to skilled and unskilled workmen, and say to the your of wancement, for your cities shall not be allowed to expand to such an extent, so as to give you as fair an opportunity in the race of life, as is offered in all the other States, but if you wish successe go elsewhere to States and cities is in the spunded to the same and content in the power in the same opportunity in the race of life, as is offered in all the other States, but if you wish successe go elsewhere to States and cities less "indebound."

as it was the only souther to cut problem. I was one of them, and an an
annexation to-day. The magic wand of
office has done its work, and we behold the transformation.

The blessing that would, in my humble
judgment flow to both cities, are so
numerous and great that they cannot
be fully enumerated in this communication, already too long. It strikes me
as doubtless it has many others, if our
learned superintendent of Public schools
(and free legal advisor), really has the
interest of the public schools at heart
and he desires, the youth of this city
shall have all the opportunities for gaining knowledge, he never would shut the
door in their faces, Richmand, in Fer
generosity, has ofered to outlid a schoolhouse, to cost not less than \$0,300,
which would, at once, relieve the iterrible congestion that obtains now, Extra
rooms have to be rented six blocks
away from the white-school, away from
the wateful eye of cut efficient Principal, Mr. A. H. Fitzgerald. Besides she
is closing the door to the high-school of
Richmond, to every scholar in this city.
The public schools of the city of Richmond are second to none in this country
that I am aware of, Fortunate, indeed,
is the boy or girl who has the chance
to graduate in the high-school of itchmond, and yet for a more to find degal
opinion) (2), our people must be feenled
this great boon, and by one, who by his
very position should use his talenes,
time and energy to bringabout, instead
of legally murdering the proposition in
its incipency. I am, indeed, sorry that
our learned superintendent of public
schools has taken this position.
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interesting sublect our streets. The gen-

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we, the people, walk in mud, or Tredgar Brick, (cinders) pay ant taxes for small benefits, and nave only the great legal luminary to dispet the darkness for I am informed it won't be long before the free lights now fornished by the Virginia Passeager and Power Congany will end. What make there is in office-holding, what sadden changes o fopinion it brings about I know some that a few years since, were innexationists on any terms or no terms as it was the only souther to cur problem. I was one of them, and am ha annexation to-day. The magic wand of office has done it work, and we be-